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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

Plaintiff(s)

Ralph Howard

v.

08CV3726

JUDGE KENDALL

MAGISTRATE JUDGE ASHMAN

Defendant(s)

officer Lisa Bapp,
Daniel Vuorenma,
Seth Brown,
Buds Ambulance,
Sgt. James Vela,
Police Chief Thomas Lacheta, and
The Sauk Village Police Department

COMPLAINT

See Attached

On December 13, 2006, Officer Lisa Bapp, Officer Seth Brown, and Sgt. James Vela came to my home at 11608 211th Place in Sauk Village, Illinois in response to a 911 hang up. Mr. Daniel Vuorenma and Van Dyke, paramedics, also arrived at my home in a Bud's Ambulance. I left my home after being asked to do so by Sgt. Vela. I entered the ambulance upon leaving my home. Mr. Vuorenma was in the ambulance when I entered. He secured me with the seatbelt and I advised him that I did not want medical treatment. Ms. Van Dyke entered the ambulance after me and then the ambulance began moving. After it stopped for a second, I unbuckled the seatbelt and attempted to exit the ambulance. Mr. Vuorenma grabbed me, threw me down, and held me down on the floor of the ambulance. Shortly after that, Officer Seth Brown and Officer Lisa Bapp entered the ambulance and pulled me out of it. Once outside the ambulance, Officers Brown and Bapp and Mr. Vuorenma pulled me to the ground. While I was on the ground, Officer Bapp held my legs while Mr. Vuorenma held me down and struck me in my head. Sgt. Vela kicked me in my ribs and repeatedly struck me about my head and body. Officer Brown struck me about my head and body.

During the strikes from officer Bapp, officer Brown, Sergeant Vela, and Mr. Vourenma, I lost consciousness. I awakened in St. James Hospital several days after being struck by Officer Bapp, Officer Brown, Sergeant Vela, and Mr. Vourenma.